



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0275

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Susan I. SHELSON ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
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Application No.: 09/753,448 ) Examiner: K. LANDREM  
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Filed: January 4, 2001 )  
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For: EXPANSION-ASSISTING )  
DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR SELF- )  
EXPANDING STENT )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

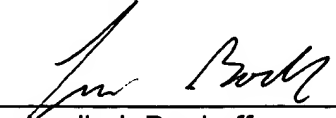
Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of April 1, 2004. A one-month extension of time is appropriate because Applicant filed a reply to the final Office Action within two months of its mailing date (see Amendment filed June 1, 2004) and the Advisory Action was mailed after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period (see Advisory Action mailed July 19, 2004). Thus, the shortened statutory period expired on July 19, 2004. A fee payment of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the Request for Continued Examination and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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